

## Programme

HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION  
MT. ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1917

9-45	Devotion	Rev. P. W. Arbogast
10-00	Address of Welcome	J. W. Grimes
	Response	Willie Grimes
	Opening Remarks by the Chairman	Rev. J. R. Humes
10-30	The working of a successful Sunday School	Rev. J. W. Leggett
11-00	How can a Sunday School secure regular attendance, arouse interest and hold attention of pupils	Rev. P. W. Arbogast
11-25	Statistical reports of the districts, appointment of committees, collection announcements and adjournment.	
1-30	Devotion	
1-45	Putting the mechanism of the school in working order	Rev. J. W. Walker
2-10	How to keep the big boy and girl in Sunday School	G. M. Sharp
2-25	Short talks by President and Secretary County Association	
3-00	How to interest primary pupils	J. C. Harper
	Report of Committees, Election of Officers, Meeting Place, Adjournment, Benediction.	

## MISSIONARY LETTER FROM PERSIA

Letters written from Hamadan, Persia, on the first of April tell of suddenly changed conditions with the occupation of the city on March 2nd by the Russians. Owing to the situation around Bagdad which required the withdrawal of the Turks from Hamadan, they evacuated the city the last of February and the Russian troops came in. The missionaries welcomed the change as communication with the outside world had almost ceased, and the few letters which were attempted were not always sure of getting through, the last one having been intercepted and the messenger imprisoned.

But on the whole the missionaries were pretty well treated by the Turks, their General on several occasions expressing his friendship for the Americans. The writer of the letter just received by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., gives the following account of the situation.

On New Year's Day, while we were in the midst of receiving Persian orders, we discovered soldiers were cutting down trees at the side of our hospital property which is owned by the foreign interest in Hamadan, and part of which is intended for a cemetery. As the Mission considered itself responsible for the representations were made to the Commander from whom a reply was apparently received that orders were given to stop the cutting, but in spite of this some twenty-two trees were sawn down. But another remonstrance brought an apology and a return of wood equivalent to the amount carried off.

Orders were received in January that all American flags should be removed from our property which had been placed there on the arrival of the Turks in the city, giving as a reason that the city was quiet and there was no need of them. This request was complied with except in the Armenian quarter and over one of the mission residences. Then came the news of the breaking off of relations between the U. S. and Germany and the possibility that Turkey might declare war; therefore the removal of all flags and badges of servants in American employ was advised, and done with the exception of the aforesaid mission residence.

Immediately the whole city was full of the news that America was at war, that the flags had been ordered down and the Americans were leaving, also persistent rumors came that the rabble were ready to loot on the

least provocation. Guards were placed around Faith Hubbard School (the large boarding school for girls) in order, they said, that no Armenian might leave the place, but we thought they might have been placed there for protection. We asked permission to fly our flag over other property and the request was granted.

The prominent people of the city expressed sympathy for us, and even went so far as to say that they would insist on the Turks treating us with all respect no matter if our country was at war. We were also on friendly terms with the few German officers here, but out of deference to the Turks, after relations were broken off, they refrained from calling on us except the doctors who came professionally.

The situation of the missionaries at Dolatabad was much the same as those of us at Hamadan. On one occasion a missionary was accused of giving information to the Russians, but his word to the contrary was accepted as sufficient evidence, and later when the Russian occupation of the city began, this same missionary at the request of the Russians and the British Consul, occupied the position of Governor.

The hospital at Hamadan was practically empty at the time of the Russian occupation, therefore when they asked for it for Red Cross work it could not be refused. They are paying rent for it in advance and agree to make good all damages. The sympathy of the Persians with one of the missionaries who was suffering with a fractured leg, was quite marked and he received calls from practically all the big men of the town as well as numerous other friends. A German doctor some eight miles away attended the case and the Turkish general sent a representative with his condolences and also his physician to "do whatever I command"

A letter received at the same time as the above, also from Hamadan, but which was written last September contains some interesting bits of happenings before the Russian occupation. For instance:

In July when the Turkish army had possession of the city, the wife of one of the Persian residents told the missionary that a body of Turks had come to their garden to fell the trees as was being done in other gardens, but a Moslem neighbor came to her a day or two later and said she had saved her trees by saying that the preacher who had spent many summers there has always been a good friend of theirs and had helped them to secure their water rights and that he was an upright man and had

never offended the Moslems by unjust dealings and by having wine parties in his garden as others had had done.

The Turks took possession of the Bank residence adjoining the Mission compound, making their headquarters at Hamadan and bringing the telegraph line there. When they entered the city no flag was in evidence but "Old Glory" and they were amazed to see in how many places it was floating. It must have looked to them as though Epele Sam had been annexing this old city of the Medes.

"Great improvements have been made in the Hamadan streets," writes the missionary. "They have widened where possible, the old cobblestones removed and a good road made so that carriages can go from one end of the city to the other. At one place there was a drinking fountain which was ordered removed. Some of the shopkeepers said it was dedicated to Hazat Abbas. The commissioner of highways who was a Jew, Behaj-Mussulman, made some uncomplimentary remark, protesting that he would not be hindered by the saint. Just as he was uttering these profane words the horses of his carriage near which he was standing, got frightened and raising their pious Moslem heels and kicked the profane person, whereupon the cry ran about town that Hazrat Abbas had performed a miracle, and the fountain stands in its place today, all in new plaster crowned by some bright blue tin ornaments.

A nephew of one of our prominent Persians was brought before the Commandant in regard to some question of property, he being in the employ of the owner. The Commandant asked about his parentage and his nationality. He replied that his father was a Kurd and his mother a Persian, but that he was a Christian. "It shall be my duty while I am here," said the Commandant, "to convert you to Islam."

When the Turkish troops temporarily evacuated Hamadan last July, they took with them a native physician, he having been made prisoner on the charge of sending uncensored letters per messenger. As they stood not on the order of their going, there was no time for reading letters and the only thing was to carry their prisoners with them. But there was a prayer meeting the next day, which called to mind Peter's release from prison and asking the same for these our friends. It was two days before this was accomplished. The poor messenger boy, however, who had carried other letters not so innocent, was hung.

"But," adds the missionary, "in spite of all these exciting times, the Boys' School opened at the regular time and by the end of the month there were between sixty and seventy pupils."

## DEFINES CLASS "A" ROADS

The State Road Commission recently issued a statement defining a Class "A" road, as defined by the law, indicates a road beginning at one point on the border of a county and extending through that county to the border on the opposite side, and passing through and connecting with another road that connects with the county seat. Then the other road beginning at another point on the border, passing through the county to the opposite border. But each of these roads, at the four points where they touch the border, must connect with a similar, or another Class "A" road in the adjoining county.

## Notice

A special meeting of the Town Council, Town of Marlinton, will be held at the Mayor's office of said town on Monday, July 23, 1917, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of canvassing and correcting the registration list of the voters of said town, preparatory to the special election to be held on July 30, 1917, and to transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

This 17th day of July, 1917.  
F. M. SYDNER, Mayor.

## Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, at his office in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, until noon, Tuesday, August 14, 1917, for medical attention, including medicine, to the inmates at the County Infirmary of said Pocahontas county, near Hillsboro, for one year.

By order of the County Court,  
S. L. BROWN, Clerk.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership between the undersigned, under the firm name of C. F. Stulting & Company, doing a general automobile and garage business at Hillsboro, W. Va., has been dissolved by mutual consent. C. F. Stulting has taken over and will continue the business.

This 2nd day of July, 1917.  
C. F. Stulting,  
G. W. Fuller.

LOST—7 ewes and 5 lambs, tan on neck, hips and on right side. 2 bell sheep. Had been raised on Stamping Creek, and are supposed to be making their way back there from my farm in Bath county. Last seen about July 4. Finder will please notify GRANT BRYANT, R. F. D. 1, Hot Springs, Va. Marlinton, W. Va.

## Fifth Annual

# Pocahontas Horse Show

## Oakland Stock Farm

## Hillsboro, West Virginia

## Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## August 22, 23 and 24

Come and see the show with the reputation; the show for the farmers and not fakirs; the Show without gambling or cheap concessions to demoralize. The Show where the boys and girls show their colts and ponies. The Show that the community supports and is proud of.

Ladies' gentlemen's, girl's and boy's riding classes

Racing and trotting harness classes

Running races, hurdle jumping, novelty, pony and mule races

All races will be full, fast exciting. The best of band music

Plenty of eatables on the ground.



## MISS GRATTON PATCH, the Guidless Pacing Wonder

Will give an exhibition each day at the Pocahontas Horse Show. She will go alone against any runner in the county, mile heats. A horse with a human brain.

## The great event of the Season Bigger and better than ever.

## Notice to Contractors

The Board of Education of Huntersville District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m., Tuesday, August 14, 1917, for the erection of a school house at Sunset, in said district, on the location recently made vacant by fire.

The plan and specifications may be seen at Mr. W. H. Barlow's store, Huntersville, or, on request, the secretary will send a written copy to any one interested.

By Order of the Board,  
Josiah C. Loury, Secretary.

## Notice

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Minnehaha Springs Improvement Company will be held at the office of said corporation at Minnehaha Springs, W. Va., on Saturday, July 14, 1917. This 3rd day of July, 1917.  
J. B. LOCKRIDGE, Pres.  
Calvin W. Price, Secretary.

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FOR SALE—Miss McArion, standard and registered by trotting mare 8 years old and sound, safe for lady or child to ride and drive will trot 2:30 shot on the road and when in racing form will lead them into the

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A shipment delayed on road over sixty days finally arrived. This was bought before big advances in price. Can save you big money on Paint, Oil and Varnish.

Let me figure with you. White and good colors made by one of the country's big concerns.

No rent, no expensive clerk hire, and a willingness to take small profits.

## LUMBER

Good stock and price below the present market.

J. W. Milligan

MARLINTON, W. VA.

## A BIRD IN CHURCH

By ANNA L. PRICE.

Why art thou here, sweet little bird,  
Fast missed thy flight today;  
Behold the temple of the Lord,  
Where Christians meet to pray.

Thou hast no sins to be forgiven,  
No holy truth to learn;  
Unhappy stranger in our midst,  
Unto thine own return.

We know that thou canst sweetly sing,  
And swell the forest choir;  
The breath of early morning fresh  
Wakens thy tuneful lyre.

By instinct thou dost understand  
All that is needful here,  
Fulfilling with exactness too,  
Thine own created sphere.

The wars that rack the world of men  
Stir not thy peaceful nest;  
And harrowing dreams of shot and shell,  
Break not upon thy rest.

The weary cares of meat and drink,  
Secure in Nature's plan,  
Within thy coverts are unheard,  
And if God cares for one small bird,  
He will surely care for man.

## OBITUARY

That unwelcome visitor, death, has again invaded our neighborhood claiming as its victim Eliza Hill, who died very suddenly at her home near Williamsburg Tuesday night July 10, 1917. Deceased was a daughter of Aaron Burr, Jr. She was born September 25, 1847, at the time of her death was 69 years, nine months and 18 days of age.

She was twice married—her first husband was John McClung whom she married in 1882. He died in 1900. To this union three daughters were born, Mrs. Maggie McClintic, Mrs. Annie McClintic, and Miss Minnie McClung. In 1907 she was married to Joel O. Hill. She was converted in early life and was a zealous member of the Methodist church. In the past two years she had not been able to attend church very much and would often say, "How I would like to attend church."

She was devoted to her family and in every way performed her part both as wife and mother to them. Though her death is a sad bereavement to her family and many friends, her consistent religious life gives them hope that she has gone to the reward of the righteous.

Besides her children she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jim Mann, and Mrs. Rebecca Brown, both of Renick; two half-sisters, and five half-brothers.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Rev. A. E. Barnes, assisted by Revs. Sarver and Hall, after which affection's wreath was placed upon her casket and with gentle hands we bore her body to the tomb in New Salem cemetery.

Farewell dear mother, sweet thy rest,  
Wear with years and worn with pain,  
Farewell till in some happy place,  
We shall behold thy face again;  
Thine ours to miss thee all these years,  
And tender memories of thee keep,  
Thine in the Lord to rest for so  
He giveth his beloved sleep.

## FIRST FEDERAL AID ROAD

With the approval of the new State Road Commission, the County Court of Greenbrier county and the Advisory Committee of Fort Spring district on Thursday entered into a tentative contract with Caldwell and Larson, of Charleston, for the construction of the first Federal aid and "Class A" road in the state between Ronceverte and Lewisburg. The specifications call for a high type of permanent material—aliphatic concrete—which has undergone severe tests by the government or military roads in Texas and Mexico in competition with roads of various other materials.

Under the contract only a portion of the cost is to be met out of the funds arising from the special road bonds of Fort Spring district, the balance to be furnished by the Federal government and the state under the new road laws establishing "Class A" thoroughfares.

The contract has been forwarded to Washington for the approval of the Department of Agriculture, which approval is assured because of a strict compliance with Federal requirements, and work will no doubt be commenced at an early date.

By reason of the Federal and state aid thus secured to build a first-class road on this section, ample funds are left intact from the sale of bonds to complete the other roads provided for by the special election in October.—West Virginia News.

## Lumber for Sale

100,000 feet of used lumber out of Watoga Kindling Wood Factory building. Building stood 9 years. Different sizes and dimensions. In good state of preservation. Sold cheap to quick buyer. Inquire at Marlinton Hotel.

L. KONIFF

## For Sale

One 8 foot band sawmill, with equipment capable of running an 8 foot band. Also a lot of all kinds of second hand pulleys, shaftings, belts, etc. A bargain to quick buyers. Apply at Marlinton Hotel.

L. KONIFF

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